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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communication

ATTENTION : C/Special Programs Division

SUBJECT : Request for Support in Developing Interactive Analysis Capability

REFERENCE : Memo to Chief, Scientific Applications Div/OCS fr C/Special Program Div/OC dtd 22 April 1970. Subj. as above (SPD-M-70-0614)

1. I have received your request to SAD/OCS for support in developing an interactive analysis capability together with your answers to the questions I raised about it. I see no reason why you should not proceed with Phase I within the constraints contained in these two papers. i.e.

a. The purpose is to determine the operational feasibility of developing an interactive analysis system.

b. The principal effort is to efficiently interface existing software with existing hardware display devices.

c. This does not duplicate or overlap, or conflict with signal analysis efforts of interest to other agency components.

d. Only about 80 man hours per month from OC/SPD and OCS/SAD will be required.

e. Higher priority tasks in each component will take precedence over this effort.

f. The IBM 2260 already in place in OCS and the IBM 2250 already on order to be placed in OCS will be used, and no additional equipment will be acquired.

g. Phase I will be completed in one year or less.

2. Before Phase II is started an evaluation of the experience and results of Phase I should be prepared describing advantages and

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disadvantages of the system, and detailing the rationale necessary to support a judgment about its feasibility and cost in relation to its usefulness. Workload information should be included in describing what the system will do in comparison with what would be done without it. A careful evaluation of experience with the terminals during Phase I should be prepared and approximate time in use should be recorded. There should be positive assurance that this system does not duplicate anything being done elsewhere in the Agency (ORD, OEL, etc.) and, if other components have any interest in the system, that their interest is adequately represented in the first phase or there is an incontestable justification for not doing so. Any additional information you feel will be useful in making a judgment about whether or not to proceed with Phase II should be included. A completely documented proposal should be presented to the Assistant Deputy Director for Support for his approval before any action is taken toward moving into Phase II. If you conclude that the proposed system is not feasible, that fact should be reported to the IPC/DDS as soon as it is known.

3. The Technical Facilities Committee is currently compiling requirements and forecasts of possible requirements for the installation of remote terminals in the headquarters area through Fiscal Year 1976. While there is not a firm requirement at this time for a terminal to support this project the possibility that such a requirement might develop during the FY 1971-76 time period, either in the Headquarters Building [] should have been included in the information furnished to the Chairman of the Technical Facilities Committee during the recently conducted survey and I have given it to him. If you foresee other possibilities where requirements for remote terminals might develop they should also be identified now.

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